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(b) Plasmapheresis donors shall meet the criteria for suitability prescribed in § 640.63, excluding the phrase “other than malaria” in paragraph (c)(9). Informed consent shall be required as prescribed in § 640.61.

(c) Plateletpheresis donors shall meet criteria for suitability as described in a biologics license application or a supplement to the biologics license application, and must have the written approval of the Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration.

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§ 640.22 Collection of source material.

(a) Whole blood used as the source of Platelets shall be collected as prescribed in § 640.4.

(b) If plasmapheresis is used, the procedure for collection shall be prescribed in §§ 640.62, 640.64 (except paragraph (c)(3)), and 640.65.

(c) If plateletpheresis is used, the procedure for collection shall be as described in a biologics license application or a supplement to a biologics license application, and must have the written approval of the Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration.

(d) The phlebotomy shall be performed by a single uninterrupted venipuncture with minimal damage to, and minimal manipulation of, the donor's tissue.

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§ 640.23 Testing the blood.

(a) Blood from which plasma is separated for the preparation of Platelets shall be tested as prescribed in § 610.40 of this chapter and § 640.5 (a), (b), and (c).

(b) The tests shall be performed on a sample of blood collected at the time of collecting the source blood, and such sample container shall be labeled with

the donor's number before the container is filled.

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§ 640.24 Processing.

(a) Separation of plasma and platelets and resuspension of the platelets shall be in a closed system. Platelets shall not be pooled during processing.

(b) Immediately after collection, the whole blood or plasma shall be held in storage between 20 and 24 °C unless it must be transported from the collection center to the processing laboratory. During such transport, all reasonable methods shall be used to maintain the temperature as close as possible to a range between 20 and 24 °C until it arrives at the processing laboratory where it shall be held between 20 and 24 °C until the platelets are separated. The platelet concentrate shall be separated within 4 hours or within the timeframe specified in the directions for use for the blood collecting, processing, and storage system.

(c) The time and speed of centrifugation must have been demonstrated to produce an unclumped product, without visible hemolysis, that yields a count of not less than 5.5×10^{10} platelets per unit in at least 75 percent of the units tested.

(d) The volume of original plasma used for resuspension of the platelets shall be determined by the maintenance of a pH of not less than 6.0 during the storage period. The pH shall be measured on a sample of platelets which has been stored for the maximum dating period at the selected storage temperature. One of the following storage temperatures shall be used continuously:

(1) 20 to 24 °C.

(2) 1 to 6 °C.

(e) Final containers used for Platelets shall be colorless and transparent to permit visual inspection of the contents; any closure shall maintain a hermetic seal and prevent contamination of the contents. The container material shall not interact with the contents, under the customary conditions of storage and use, in such a manner as to have an adverse effect upon the safety,